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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2661*

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by adding the following new section after Section 1 of the printed bill:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

5-1-3 _____. (a) Any county officer enumerated in 8-21-102 who successfully completes all levels of the county officials certificate training program as provided in 5-1-308 shall be paid the educational incentive upon making application thereafter to the state treasurer on such form and in such manner as the state treasurer shall prescribe. To be eligible for the incentive in any given year, an officer must submit the application to the treasurer in the month of July of that year. The application must be accompanied with such evidence as shall be required by the treasurer to prove that the officer has successfully completed all levels of the county officials certificate training program.

(b) The incentive provided for in subsection (a) shall continue to be paid each year to any such county officer; provided, the officer submits to the treasurer, during the month of July of such year, satisfactory proof of the officer's completion of the continuing education requirements of the program and all other requirements necessary to maintain the officer's designation as a "Certified Public Administrator".

(c) The incentive provided for by this section shall be paid by the state treasurer from funds appropriated for such purpose and only to eligible full-

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time county officers making application therefor with the times specified in subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section. The incentive shall be paid by no later than August 31 of each year. If application for an incentive is not made in any given year within the time specified in subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section, the officer shall not later be eligible for the bonus payable for that year.

(d) The treasurer shall offset the amount of any incentive payable to a county officer under this section against any other monies payable by the state to the officer so that the total amount paid to the officer by the state does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

(e) Notwithstanding this section or any other law to the contrary, the availability or the amount of the incentive authorized by this section shall be subject to the appropriation of funds in each year's general appropriations act for the purpose set forth in this section. If, in any given year, the amount appropriated in that year's general appropriations act is not sufficient to pay each eligible county officer in full, the amount available shall be prorated by the treasurer among such officers. Any unpaid portion shall not be carried forward to subsequent years.

(f) Any payment made pursuant to this section shall be considered as an incentive for the successful completion of educational training and shall not be considered in determining the county officer's average final compensation for retirement purposes pursuant to title 8, chapter 34-37.

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